Trade Between India and Thailand

4894. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade between India and Thailand has registered a tremendous growth during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total turn over during the above years;

(c) whether there is further scope to expand Indo–Thailand trade;

(d) if so, the plans drawn up by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the follow–up action taken to implement those plans?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. As per DGCI&S' statistics, India–Thailand trade during the last three years has been as under:

(In Rs. crores)

Year	*Export*	*Import*	*Total trade*
1988–89	191.66	221.01	412.67
1989–90	316.95	148.20	465.15
1990–91	442.76	115.72	558.48

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). During the 5th meeting of the Indo–Thailand Joint Trade Committee held at New Delhi in November, 1991, the two sides reiterated the need for diversification and expansion of trade. The two delegations identified items of export interest to either side. Trade promotional measures such as departmental, store promotion campaign in Bangkok, counter–trade, joint venture tie–ups and Indian participation in Thai projects were identified as means to achieve the goal of enhanced trade.

Family Courts

4895. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of disputes relating to marriage and family matters are pending in the courts for long period;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up more family courts in the country to dispose of such cases, and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The desired information about pendency is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). It has been the policy of the Government to encourage the setting up of

Family Courts. Whether the jurisdication of the Family Courts, Act, 1984, has not been requesting the States/Union territories to take suitable steps in this regard. Where the Act has been extended, it becomes obligatory on the part of the State/Union Terrotory concerned to set up Family Court for every area comprising a city or town whose population exceeds 1 million and as regards other areas, they may do so as they deem it necessary.

National Savings Certificates Scheme

4896. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of deposits mobilised through the National Savings Certificates Scheme during the financial years 1989–90 and 1990–91;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to increase the share of the State Governments as an incentive for higher collections;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The total amount of Gross deposits mobilised through the various Small Savings Schemes during 1989–90 and 1990–91 was Rs. 17162.77 crores and Rs.18298.42 crores (Provisional) respectively.

(b) to (d). Keeping in view the burden on the Central Government of servicing the interest payment and repayment obligations on the existing stock of small savings debt and the cost of management of small savings schemes, it is not feasible to increase the quantum of loans to State Governments from the present level of 75 per cent of net collections.

Export of Cardamom

4897. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Cardamom exported during each of the last three years;

(b) the main cardamom producing States in the country; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to increase production of cardamom and reduce costs in order to face competition in the international market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Quantity of cardamom (small/large) exported during the last three years is given below:

Year	*Small Cardamom (Qty. MT)*	*Large Cardamom (Qty. MT)*
1988–89	787.00	464.00
1989–90	180.00	787.00
1990–91	379.00	961.00
1991–92 (April to Nov)	449.00	535.00

Source: Spices.Board.